

City Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 16, 2015
Council Chambers – City Hall

Regular Council Meeting
7:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers with Council President Joseph G. Finn presiding. Present were Councillor Coughlin, Councillor Croall, Councillor Hughes, Councillor McFarland and Councillor McNamee. Councillor Laforest arrived at 7:31 pm. Councillor Gutro arrived at 7:33 pm.

▶ Moment of Silence for Divine Inspiration

Pledge of Allegiance

▶ City Clerk Joe Shea read Open Meeting Law

▶ 2015 – 030 - Appropriation of \$2,800,000 to Stabilization Fund

Finance Committee Chair Councillor McFarland recommended passage and stated this appropriation will bring the Stabilization Fund to 10 million

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

▶ 2015 – 031 - Appropriation of \$669,813 to QPD Superior Officers Personal Services to fund Contract Negotiations

Finance Committee Chair Councillor McFarland Recommends Passage

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

This represents an increase of 1% in 2013, 2% in 2014 & 2% in 2015 for the Superior Officers on a contract for July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2015

Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

▶ 2015 – 032 - Appropriation of \$200,000 for 5 Police Patrol Vehicles

Finance Committee Chair Councillor McFarland Recommends Passage

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Coughlin

Councillor Palmucci asked the administration for a status on the QPD fleet of vehicles

► Quincy Police Chief Paul Keenan addressed the City Council. Currently about 60-65 vehicles are in the fleet, 18-19 cars front line cars and 5-6 vehicles are spares. They are trying to keep fleet as fresh as possible. Each frontline vehicle is in continuous use which leads to considerable wear on them. All future purchases will be the SUV Interceptor models and they will be for front line vehicles. QPD utilizes as many grants as possible. Current frontline vehicles have about a year left and they try to replace ½ the front line fleet each year. Repairs costs get expensive on older vehicles. The QPD is likely to ask for a Prisoner Transport Van as part of the 2016 Budget.

Councillor Palmucci – Requested that a Capital Improvement Plan be given to the City Council during Budget time. Chief of Staff James Fatseas stated the administration is working on one.

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Laforest
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2015 – 033 - Appropriation of \$200,000 for Public Works for Road Repairs
Finance Committee Chair Councillor McFarland Recommends Passage

Councillor Laforest asked Commissioner Raymondi to address the DPW's plan to proactively address pothole/road repairs. The Commissioner stated that the full effects of the past winter will not be completely seen and will not be until all the snow has melted. This appropriation will allow the DPW to work in conjunction with outside contractors to fix the extensive list of pot holes reported to the DPW offices. Teams from the city and private contractors will blitz the city and fill reported pot holes as well as others in the area. Potholes can be reported to the Pothole Hotline 617-376-1914 and also on Constituent Services page of the city website – www.QuincyMA.gov. Commissioner Raymondi also notified the Council that the Street Sweeping and Yard Waste Programs will begin later than usual with both now beginning the week of April 6th. Damage Claims can be reported to Deidre Hall in the DPW at 617-376-1525. All claims for damage should be documented with pictures.

Councillor Gutro requested that the DPW's list of potholes be made public online and searchable with updates made upon completion.

Councillor McNamee thanked everyone in DPW for their hard work and appreciated the feedback and follow through of the DPW during the difficult winter.

Councillor Palmucci also thanked the DPW for their hard work. Commissioner Raymondi – Time constrained and must be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. Every effort is made to fix these problems quickly.

Councillor Croall questioned how the completed work will be communicated by contractors and Commissioner Raymond would work on making sure the completed work is and communicated to appropriate DPW employee to update the list.

Councillor Coughlin thanked the DPW for the extraordinary effort this winter and questioned the road construction cycle and if any of the \$100 million in Chapter 90 bond authorizations that Gov. Baker recently released to repair, maintain and rebuild for local roads would be available to Quincy for projects.

Commissioner Raymond stated it is in discussion with the administration and city will need more funds this year because of the winter.

Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Laforest
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2015 – 034 - Appropriation of \$20,000 for Lincoln Hancock Pool
Finance Committee Chair Councillor McFarland Recommends Passage
Repairs to the pool are tentatively scheduled to be done during April Vacation 2015
Motion by Councillor McFarland, Seconded by Councillor Laforest
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2015 – 035 - Naming the intersection at 260 Quincy Avenue in honor of P.F.C. John P. Coughlin, U.S. Marine Corps
Dedication to be held on April 30, 2015 at 12:30 P.M.
Motion by Councillor Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Croall
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2015 – 036 - Naming the intersection at 561 Willard St. in honor of C.P.O. George R. Levesque, U.S. Navy
Dedication to be held on April 30, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.
Motion by Councillor Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2015 – 037 - Naming the intersection at the corner of Alrick Road and Adams Street in honor of 1st Lt. Alfred V. Schofield, U.S. Army
Dedication to be held on April 30, 2015 at 11:45 A.M.
Motion by Councillor Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci
Passed by a 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2015 – 038 - Appointment of Mary Ann Morris to the Quincy Housing Authority Board

Removed from Agenda

▶ 2015 – 039 - Re: Seeking public meetings, public involvement, and greater transparency in Koch administrations new Downtown Redevelopment Strategy - Councillor Gutro
Councillor Gutro waived the reading
Referred to Mayors Office, Downtown Committee and Oversight Committee
Motion to move to Mayors Office, Downtown Committee and Oversight Committee
Passed by a 8-1 Roll Call Vote with Councillor McNamee voting No
Councillor McNamee finds the Resolve to be argumentative, premature and inappropriate

Communications & Reports-

▶ - Update to the Council - Avalon Bay Permit appeal has been dismissed
Reading was waived
Solicitor Timmons outlined the dismissal of the appeal of abutters to the SPGA Permit for the Avalon Bay Special Permit. The parties have a Confidentially Agreement in place and the city knows no other details. The Special Permit Stands as issued and no further action is needed by the SPGA this update is simply informational

Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting-

None

Report of Committees –

▶ Traffic Ordinance –
2015 – 023 – Removal of No Parking Rodgers Street
Positive recommendation made by Councillor Coughlin
Motion made by Councillor Coughlin, seconded by Councillor Palmucci
Motion passed by 9-0 roll call vote

Petitions, Memorial, Remonstrance –

▶ Councillor Croall remembered Ward 2 Resident and Poll Worker Christine DArrigo

Motions, Orders, Resolutions -

None

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, April 6, 2015 7:30 PM Regular Council Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2015 7:30 PM Regular Council Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2015 7:30 PM Regular Council Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2015 7:30 PM Regular Council Meeting

Finance Committee Meetings for Budget-

Monday, May 11, 2015 7:00 PM Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 7:00 PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 7:00 PM Finance Committee

Adjournment at 8:51 pm